



Light for my Path

UECM Bible Reading and Devotion Guide

OLD TESTAMENT

- Book 2 -

Job 1

Day 1

What did God and Satan say about Job? How did Job respond when he lost his property and children?

Will you curse God for putting you to the test? Can you bless Him in the midst of adversity?

Job 2:1 – 10

Day 2

Notice how Job's suffering kept on increasing. Satan inflicted his body. His wife did not support him.

What is our attitude toward God's blessing and toward life's afflictions? Do we speak positively of God, yet harbor bitterness in our hearts?

Job 2:11 – 3:26

Day 3

Job began to falter as days became unbearably difficult. Have you ever come to a point of lamenting your birth? How should we persist in times like these? Remember the truth of Romans 8:28.

Job 4 – 5

Day 4

Eliphaz tried to comfort Job by stating: God punishes the unjust and delivers the lowly. He inferred that Job must have committed sin, which resulted in his suffering.

There is nothing wrong with Eliphaz's statement, but he was ignorant of God's purpose. Are we quick to judge and become overconfident in our assessment?

Job 6

Day 5

How did Job react to Eliphaz's counsel? As counselor, we must not be quick to confront but slow to show compassion to the hurting.

Job thought that God was against him (v.4), yet in his weakness, he still sought to honor God's words (v.10).

Job 7

Day 6

Job started to complain and see his life as hopeless. What is your attitude when being tested by God? Can you still remember God's previous blessings, or do you generalize your life as being full of toil?

Job 8

Day 7

Bildad asserted God's justice and righteousness. He appealed to tradition, exhorted Job to seek God, and told Job to repent for restoration. Oftentimes, we assume that suffering is an evidence of sin. Is it always so?

Job 9 – 10

Day 8

Job attributed his disaster to God (10:13) yet wrestled with God for its reason. Does recognizing God's sovereignty cause us to be secure, or cause us to blame Him for our suffering? Our ability to bear our suffering has a lot to do with our knowledge of God.

Job 11

Day 9

Zophar ruthlessly rebuked Job for his self-appraisal (v.4) and emphasized God's omniscience (vv.10-11). How would you advise someone who is in total despair? Does your word bring relief or add grief to the mourning?

Job 12 – 13

Day 10

How does Job respond to Zophar's accusations? In light of God's sovereignty, what was Job's request (13:3, 15, 20-22)? When we're being afflicted or misjudged, to whom do we look for deliverance and vindication?

Job 14

Day 11

Realizing the brevity of life, how did Job pray to God (v. 6, 13-15)? Are you willing to trust and wait for God's renewal and restoration?

Job 15

Day 12

Evaluate the attitudes and motivations of Eliphaz. Eliphaz condemned Job for being irreverent to God (v.4). Were his words valid? Is it a sin to express our frustrations to God?

Job 16

Day 13

Can you empathize with Job when he said, “I also could speak as you do,” if the situation had been turned around (v.4)? Oftentimes, we are “miserable comforters” because we lack an understanding heart. Reality can be very different from what we perceive, as both Eliphaz and Job had to learn.

Job 17

Day 14

From Job’s perspective, he saw a life of suffering and ultimate death. There seemed to be no hope. What pledge or guarantee was Job asking for in verses 3-4? Job’s lament might appear to be hopeless, but was actually an indication of his hope in God’s vindication. Where do you put your trust?

Job 18 – 19

Day 15

Bildad rebuked Job for his reasoning and insisted that God punishes the wicked. How did Job respond to Bildad's counsel? What was Job's answer when he experienced loneliness, rejection, and abandonment by his own family, friends, and servants (19:25)? Would you believe the same thing?

Job 20

Day 16

Zophar believed that God took Job's possessions away because of Job's wickedness. He reiterated that the wicked would suffer! Did Zophar's accusation seem fair to Job? Did he truly know Job? How would you have counseled Job?

Job 21

Day 17

Zophar's theological claims did not help Job at all. When we are grieving and theological assertions no longer bring comfort, what do we need to do?

Job 22

Day 18

Eliphaz supported Zophar's argument. Do you think Eliphaz's accusation of Job was valid (vv.5-9)? Consider how Job was introduced in chapter 1.

Have you been falsely accused by others? Have you ever accused the innocent?

Job 23 – 24

Day 19

How did Job defend himself from the others' false accusations? Where did he seek justice? Do you have confidence that God will vindicate you in due time? Will you continue to walk in integrity?

Job 25 – 26

Day 20

Bildad believed that man cannot be righteous before God. Job responded by citing man's limitation in understanding God's ways.

What does the Bible tell us of man's righteousness before God (Isaiah 64:6)? How can we be considered righteous before God (Romans 5:18-19)?

Job 27

Day 21

*What can we admire about Job's determination (vv.3-6)?
Would you still stand on your conviction and continue to live in integrity when others instigate you to sin against God?*

Job 28

Day 22

What did Job realize when he searched for wisdom (v.28)? How does fear of the Lord allow us to understand life situations and clear us from confusion?

Job 29 – 30

Day 23

Job recalled his past favor to others. In his time of distress, however, he received no honor from men, no blessings from God, no benevolence whatsoever. How would you respond when your goodness is countered with evil?

Job 31

Day 24

Job listed the possible sins that God might accuse of him. Before we seek vindication, we must examine ourselves (Psalm 19:12-13; 139:23). Do we allow God to examine our hearts regularly?

Job 32

Day 25

What made Elihu express his opinion? Did he have the right attitude and motivation in rebuking Job? Is our passion to give advice in conformity with God's truth and His will? What is your ultimate goal in expressing your thought?

Job 33

Day 26

What made Elihu's approach distinct from Bildad, Zophar, and Eliphaz? How did Elihu's perspective of God address Job's problem (v.13)? Does God really respond to man and man's queries? See 38:1. How have you experienced God in your doubts and confusion?

Job 34

Day 27

Elihu upheld God's justice and righteousness. How did his words reconcile with Job's in chapter 21? What does the Bible tell us of God's execution of justice (Luke 18:7-8)?

Job 35

Day 28

Elihu reproved Job for being self-righteous (v.2). However, what was Job's reason for his contentions (cf.10:2; 23:1-6)? Did God withhold His response because of Job's prideful attitude?

When we counsel people, are we able to identify their main concern before quickly jumping to conclusion?

Job 36

Day 29

How did Elihu describe God to Job (v.5)? What did Elihu say about man challenging God's acts (vv.22-23)?

Do we have a right attitude when we approach and enquire with God?

Job 37

Day 30

What truths about God did Elihu expound (vv.5, 13, 23-24)? We must acknowledge that God is beyond our comprehension. When others encounter problems, do we force our personal opinions and explanations on them, or do we lead them to trust God?

Job 38

Day 31

How did God answer Job? What was God's main charge against Job (v.2)? Have we blindly guessed God's intention for us? Do we use our own understanding against Him? How can we grow in the knowledge of the Lord?

Job 39:1 – 40:5

Day 32

God said nothing about Job's suffering. Likewise, Job did not get the verdict of innocence he wanted. Rather, God used questions to declare His rule and transcendence. How did this humble Job (40:4)? Does God's sovereignty allow us to rest in His wisdom and release us from being self-absorbed?

Job 40:6 – 42:6

Day 33

Job had heard about God and understood that His purpose could not be thwarted. Of what did he repent and confess before God? Do God's words rebuke and restore us in the midst of suffering?

Job 42:7 – 16

Day 34

How did God deal with Job's friends? Based on God's assessment, did they have a right understanding of God's purpose? How did God restore Job and his friends? What did Job's prayer for his friends imply?

Psalm 1

Day 35

The Book of Psalm is Israel's hymnbook. These psalms were originally sung. They express richly towards God the full spectrum of human emotions.

Psalm 1 speaks of "blessedness." What does a blessed man NOT do (v.1)? What does a blessed man do (v.2)? What is a blessed man like (v. 3)? What is a blessed man NOT like (vv.4-5)?

Psalm 2

Day 36

This is a "Messianic Psalm." The disciples quoted this psalm and praised God for fulfilling its prophecies in the person of Jesus Christ (Acts 4:25-28). Paul also declared that Jesus was the fulfillment of this psalm (Acts 13:33).

God prophesied about Christ 1000 years ahead! How could we ever doubt whether God is faithful to His promises?

Psalm 3

Day 37

David was usurped by his son, who sought not only his throne, but his very life. Trusted servants and subjects also joined in a great revolt. The tide of events had so quickly turned that David had to flee Jerusalem. In such situation David wrote Psalm 3.

Have you been betrayed? Learn from David and cling to our faithful God.

Psalm 4 – 5

Day 38

Psalm 4 is an evening song. The Lord constantly watches over those who seek Him, allowing them to lie down and sleep securely. Psalm 5 is a morning song. The righteous man calls out to God in the morning and receives God's favor all day.

Do you turn to God day and night?

Psalm 6

Day 39

The psalmist was in deep distress. He grieved and sighed and wept, but he did not lose hope in God. He knew that the Lord would surely come to his rescue. When you encounter great sorrow, are you all the more determined to stay close to God?

Psalm 7

Day 40

The psalmist appreciated God's righteous judgment, whether applied to himself (vv.3-5) or to his enemies (vv.6-11). We tend to view ourselves as righteous and our adversaries as wicked. Only God's judgment is inerrant.

Do we praise the Lord for HIS righteousness? Or do we trust more in our own righteousness? May we develop a sense of justice like the psalmist.

Psalm 8

Day 41

As the psalmist observed the vast universe, he couldn't help but praise the majesty of God and feel the smallness of man.

When was the last time you looked up at the night sky? Have you been filled with awe at the greatness of God and the amazing love He has for us as individuals?

Psalm 9

Day 42

In this world, those who are smarter, faster, stronger, fiercer often seem to win. This psalm reminds us that those who seek the Lord and receive His grace are the ones who will ultimately overcome.

On what or whom are you depending to go through life?

Psalm 10

Day 43

Have you ever felt that God is absent, that He does not concern Himself with the wicked prospering and the righteous being afflicted? Take heart! Be assured, as the psalmist was, that the Lord is King forever (vv.16-18). He has heard the humble crying to Him and will act on their behalf.

Psalm 11 – 12

Day 44

*The wicked seek to harm the upright with their actions. What actions will God take against them (Psalm 11)?
The wicked seek to harm the upright with their words. What characteristics of God's words will work against them (Psalm 12)?*

Do not fear what the world can do to you. Take refuge in our almighty God!

Psalm 13 – 15

Day 45

There is no need to fear harm, for the Lord will protect His people. We need to examine our own ways, however. Do we walk in the ways of the wicked (Psalm 14)? Or do we walk in the ways of the upright (Psalm 15)?

Psalm 16

Day 46

Do you value God in your life? Is He your everything (v.2)? Is He your hope and greatest treasure (v.5)? Is He constantly in your thought (v.8)? If so, you will experience His blessings and joy to the fullest.

If something else in your life takes the place of God, however, your sorrows will have no end (v.4).

Psalm 17

Day 47

In beautiful, poetic language, David described what it is like to find refuge in God. God keeps us as the apple of His eye (i.e. pupil), and He hides us in the shadow of His wings (v.8).

Do you find security in God's love and protection?

Psalm 18:1 – 30

Day 48

This psalm first appeared in its entirety in II Samuel 22. It was one of David's last compositions, written to recount God's goodness and deliverance throughout his lifetime.

Do you see, as David did, that God never abandoned you through life's ups and downs? How do you respond to this truth?

Psalm 18:31 – 50

Day 49

David had accomplished much in his lifetime. He had defeated countless enemies from his youth onwards. He had survived many treacherous situations. He had successfully ruled a kingdom. Yet he acknowledged God's enablement in all things.

Do you praise God in all your achievements? Do you recognize your complete helplessness without God's empowerment?

Psalm 19

Day 50

God reveals Himself in nature (vv.1-6) and God reveals Himself through His words (vv.7-10). There is great reward when we carefully ponder all the things we can learn about God (vv.11-14).

Do you consider God's commands a "killjoy" to all the things you desire, or do you honestly delight in His words? May verse 14 be your prayer also!

Psalm 20 – 21

Day 51

Just as an earthly father finds joy in granting the desires of his children, so our God delights in fulfilling our requests. And just like an earthly father, God is pleased when we show gratitude, and grieved when we seek His gifts more than His person.

Do you truly love God? Or are you after the good things He gives?

Psalm 22

Day 52

Here we again see foreshadowings of Christ. When Jesus was being crucified, He spoke the words of verse 1, and the people acted exactly as described in verses 7-8. The soldiers pierced His hands and feet (v.16), and cast lots for His garment (v.18).

Do you know why Jesus had to suffer so? What is your response?

Psalm 23

Day 53

In this most popular of all psalms, God is seen as our shepherd. He cares, provides, guides, protects, and defends in the presence of an enemy.

What personal experience have you had of God being your shepherd? Do you display the same kind of trust, dependence, and obedience that a sheep does on its shepherd?

Psalm 24

Day 54

A king owns everything in his kingdom, including every tree and grass and rock. In the same way, God is King over the whole earth. He owns the sea and the dry land, everything on earth and everyone who dwells on it. Are you a loyal subject of this King?

Psalm 25 – 26

Day 55

David mentioned repeatedly that he “waited for” the Lord (“waited on” in KJV, “hoped in” in NIV) (25:3, 5, 21). What picture does that call to mind? Do you find it hard to wait? Would you rather be doing something than waiting for God to do something? What lesson can we learn from David?

Psalm 27 – 28

Day 56

Psalmists used many metaphors to portray God. He is shepherd, rock, fortress, refuge, light, salvation, strength, shield... How would you depict God? Have you experienced God enough to have your personal description of who He is?

Psalm 29 – 30

Day 57

The powerful imageries of Psalm 29 show that God not only created all the earth, but continues to sustain it with His might. His goodness also extends to His people (Psalm 30)—rescuing them from enemies, turning their mourning into joy.

Is God only your Creator? Or is He also a daily sustaining reality in your life?

Psalm 31

Day 58

Have you encountered distress and danger? Learn from the psalmist, and put your trust solely in the Lord. Resist all temptations to turn to vain idols, for they can neither hear nor deliver.

Psalm 32 – 33

Day 59

David understood how it felt to be entangled by iniquity and guilt. He had fallen into sin, and the more he tried to cover it up, the more he fell into a deeper trap. He suffered physically, emotionally, and spiritually until he owned up to his wrongdoings and confessed.

Only the righteous find undiluted joy in the presence of God.

Psalm 34

Day 60

The psalmist invited his readers to “taste and see that the Lord is good” because he had himself enjoyed the lovingkindness of the Lord.

Have you personally tasted the Lord’s goodness? Have you shared it with someone lately?

Psalm 35

Day 61

A godly man does not initiate harm against another. When he is violated by others, however, he is not without defense. God is his surest defender.

Are you sure that you are “the godly,” that you are on God’s side, and that God will come to your defense?

Psalm 36

Day 62

The wicked fill their minds with evil. They neither feel ashamed of their own sin, nor show aversion to sin in general. The upright delight in God and see things in the light of God’s revelation.

Are you sensitive to sin? Do you fill your mind with good things, or do you like to dwell on evil thoughts?

Psalm 37

Day 63

When evildoers seem to prosper, we don't need to fret. Know that their glory is short-lived and their judgment is certain. On the other hand, those who continue to walk faithfully will be delivered.

Have you ever been jealous of the evildoers? Have you been tempted to join them? With God's promises, we can hold firmly to our convictions.

Psalm 38 – 39

Day 64

Our troubles do not always originate from others who harm us. Sometimes they are a result of our own wrongdoings. These two psalms speak of the painful consequences of sin.

When adversity arises, are we quick to blame others? Do we examine ourselves carefully before the Lord?

Psalm 40

Day 65

David said he waited for the Lord. What things did he anticipate the Lord to do for him? Did he wait restlessly or patiently? What is true trust like?

When you have confidence about what the Lord will surely do, you can wait calmly.

Psalm 41

Day 66

The Lord will preserve those who do good. However, if we “do good” in order to receive the Lord’s blessings, we are being manipulative and selfish.

How often do we “do good” for self-serving reason? Have we done something out of genuine love for God and fellowmen? If so, then God will surely bless us.

Proverbs 1:1 – 6

Day 67

What are the stated purposes of this book? Why was Solomon a fitting person to write this book? How did Solomon come to be so wise (II Chronicles 1:7-12)? Would you ask God now for wisdom in order to do God's will?

Proverbs 1:7 – 33

Day 68

One way to gain wisdom is to heed the words of our parents, as they instruct us with godly counsel. Another is to answer to the call of Wisdom, here personified as a lady who beckons those who will follow her. Do you earnestly desire wisdom? Then obey your parents, and truly fear the Lord.

Proverbs 2

Day 69

What would a person do who sincerely pursues wisdom (vv.1-4)? What is his reward?

Proverbs 3

Day 70

Name the benefits of obeying God mentioned in verses 2, 4, 8, 10 respectively? If trusting the Lord is so profitable, what often keeps us from doing it (vv.5, 7)?

Proverbs 4 – 5

Day 71

One sign of the wise is his ability to detect, foresee, avoid, and escape from evil. The unwise does not see the danger of sin, walks right into it, and one day wakes up with unspeakable regrets. Will you resolve to steer clear from sin?

Proverbs 6

Day 72

What are some things the Lord hates? Have we been guilty of any of them?

Proverbs 7

Day 73

Sternly Solomon warned his sons—potential future kings—about the Temptress. In contrast to Wisdom the noble lady, she guilefully draws the naïve away from the righteous path. Her purpose is to trick and ensnare them.

Are you careful to guard yourself from every form of temptation?

Proverbs 8 – 9

Day 74

Wisdom, the honorable woman, calls from the heights. Whoever goes to meet her will gain knowledge and understanding. This is wisdom that arises from a proper fear of God (9:10).

Do you fear God? Are you aware of His constant presence? Are you anxious to please and honor Him in all things?

Proverbs 10 – 11

Day 75

This collection of wise sayings shows stark contrasts between the righteous man and the wicked man. Why is it wise to do right? Why is it foolish to do wrong?

Proverbs 12 – 13

Day 76

Note that to be a follower of God is not about keeping religious ceremonies. It entails every aspect of life—from work to speech, from human relations to civil duties, from financial management even to treatment of animals! Do you commit to please God with your whole life, or is your faith limited to observing a “religion”?

Proverbs 14 – 15

Day 77

The wise and the foolish respond to life's situations in decidedly different ways. In these chapters are advice on many topics. In which area(s) do you most need to pay attention?

Proverbs 16 – 17

Day 78

The main distinction of a wise man from a fool lies in the fact that he considers God's perspective in everything. He views things as God views them, values the things that God values, and does the things which please God.

Do you live by your own understanding, or by fear of God?

Proverbs 18

Day 79

What happens to a man who trusts in his own desires (v.1), his own mind (v.2), his own words (vv.6-7), his own wealth (vv.11-12), his political connections (vv.16-17), and his friends (v.24)? In whom should we place our trust?

Proverbs 19 – 20

Day 80

What does the Bible say about the intentions of man's heart? Does the Lord know them all, and what does He do with them? What does the Bible say about diligence? What does it teach about family life—about spouses and children? What advice do you particularly need to heed?

Proverbs 21 – 22

Day 81

What two things are compared in each of the following verses, and which one is deemed better? 21:3; 21:5; 21:9, 19; 21:28; 22:1. What lessons are timely for you today as you weigh your priorities and make decisions?

Proverbs 23

Day 82

How should we behave in the presence of someone in authority, or of someone who brings us gain (vv.1-9)? How should we act towards the poor (vv.10-12)? How should we instruct our children (vv.13-35)?

Proverbs 24

Day 83

How did Solomon teach his sons to discern good and evil? What will happen to evildoers? How should the righteous live in an evil world?

Proverbs 25

Day 84

To what are good words likened (vv.11-13, 25)? To what are bad words likened (vv.14, 18-20, 23-24)? Resolve to use your tongue to edify rather than to destroy!

Proverbs 26

Day 85

To what is a fool likened (vv.3, 6-11)? To what is a sluggard likened (vv.13-16)? To what is a meddler and gossiper likened (vv.17-28)? Be careful to avoid these common human follies!

Proverbs 27

Day 86

This chapter warns against boasting, wrath, presumptuousness, greed, and trust in riches. In which of these are you most susceptible to fall? Take the Bible's warnings to heart.

Proverbs 28

Day 87

Although the wicked may rise to power, they will enjoy no peace of mind and no permanent satisfaction. The upright may be oppressed, but he continues to act in integrity and to trust God. He will find true joy and lasting rewards. Will you faithfully keep walking in the way of the Lord?

Proverbs 29

Day 88

Solomon wished to instruct his sons on how to be a good king. Note the verses that state the qualities of a wise ruler.

When you have a chance to lead, are you a wise leader? When you are a follower, do you wisely choose whom to follow?

Proverbs 30

Day 89

Agur may be a pseudonym of Solomon, or he could be another wise man whom Solomon quoted. His wish in life was simple—that he be not too rich as to deny the Lord, nor too poor as to shame the Lord (vv.7-9). What is your goal in life? Is it self-serving or God-centered?

Proverbs 31

Day 90

In this chapter a mother teaches her young prince son how to choose a worthy woman. Indeed a man's success or failure, joy or sorrow, pride or shame have much to do with his woman!

Sister, strive to be a woman of noble character! And brother, settle for no less than a woman of noble character!

Psalm 42 – 43

Day 91

The writer of Psalm 42 is consumed with his thoughts of God. What words describe his emotions for God?

Read this psalm in a manner as if this is your personal experience.

Psalm 44

Day 92

This psalm contrasts the greatness of God and the helplessness of men. In the midst of suffering, how did the psalmist appeal to God for help (v.26)?

How great is your view of God? How dependent are you upon God?

Psalm 45 – 46

Day 93

Most traditional scholars agree that Psalm 45 is Messianic. Hebrews 1:8-9 quotes part of this psalm in reference to Christ. How is the King described in these verses?

Take note of God's attributes and work mentioned in Psalm 46. The psalm declares God's greatness and the fact that He is with us. Have you experienced God's greatness in your life?

Psalm 47

Day 94

Many psalms are songs of praise. What is the central focus of Psalm 47? What is it about God that deserves our praises?

Psalm 48

Day 95

Zion is the place where God has revealed to be His special dwelling place. He blessed the city and its people. This psalm praises the beauty and glory of Zion, as an illustration of the beauty and glory of God Himself.

Where is God's special dwelling place today? Has He found a place in your heart?

Psalm 49 – 50

Day 96

What does Psalm 49 reveal about those who are wealthy and successful in this world? What does Psalm 50 reveal about those who are wicked and rebellious against God?

How do these truths affect you personally?

Psalm 51 – 52

Day 97

Psalm 51 was David's song of confession when he repented from his sin of adultery and murder. What observations can you make about David's attitude and feeling?

Psalm 52 was written on the sad occasion when Saul killed Ahimelech the priest on account of David (1 Samuel 22:9ff). How did David feel about evil men who harm the innocent?

Psalm 53

Day 98

The first five verses highlight the depravity of men. Verse 6 speaks of the salvation that comes out of Zion. Do you know of people who live according to the descriptions in vv.1-5? Are you one of them? Have you received salvation that is in God and God alone?

Psalm 54 – 55

Day 99

In the Bible are a number of “imprecatory psalms.” They share these characteristics: (1) The psalmist expresses his deepest fear, sorrow, and anger to God. (2) The psalmist invokes evil on the enemies of God, not his personal enemies. (3) The psalmist hopes in God’s deliverance, instead of seeking his own vengeance.

What can we learn from these psalms?

Psalm 56

Day 100

The psalmist experienced constant trials and persecutions from his enemies. How did he respond? When we have problems, do we trust in ourselves or in God?

Psalm 57

Day 101

What was David's situation when he wrote this psalm (see psalm title)?

In the midst of trouble, is your heart steadfast? Can you sing praise like David and pray that God's glory be above all the earth?

Psalm 58 – 59

Day 102

Psalms 58 and 59 are two more imprecatory psalms (explained in April 8 of this guide). The psalmist was invoking judgment upon God's enemies.

What is the ultimate outcome of all things (58:10-11)? How does that make you feel?

Psalm 60

Day 103

According to this psalm, God did not always bless Israel. He had rejected His people and given them miserable times. Why do you think this happened? When God punished them, to whom did they turn (vv.11-12)?

How do you respond to God's discipline?

Psalm 61 – 62

Day 104

What did David declare in Psalm 62:1-2, 5-6? What did he exhort the people to do in 62:8? What truths about God enabled David to wait upon the Lord (62:12)?

Have you experienced waiting for the Lord? Was it easy or difficult? What can you learn from David?

Psalm 63

Day 105

Why did the psalmist long and thirst for God? When one has truly experienced God, the only sensible and natural outcome is to find one's sole satisfaction in Him. Is this true of you?

Psalm 64 – 65

Day 106

What does Psalm 64 tell us about man's conspiracy and evil plans against God? As our world today conspires to do away with God and promotes all kinds of evil, how does this psalm assure us of God's victory?

Psalm 65 speaks of God's abundant blessings over the whole earth. Have you appreciated and given thanks for these things?

Psalm 66

Day 107

Who should glorify God? What should they do? Why should they praise and sing to God?

What hinders my prayers from being heard by God (v.18)?

Psalm 67

Day 108

What is the main concern of the psalmist (vv.2, 7)? What are your concerns? How do they compare to the psalmist's concern?

Psalm 68

Day 109

This psalm portrays different aspects of God's character to different people. Can you identify them?

Who is God to you? What is His role in your life?

Psalm 69

Day 110

What were the afflictions of the psalmist? This psalm also foreshadows the Messiah's future suffering in the hands of evil people. Can you spot the references to Christ?

Psalm 70

Day 111

According to this psalm, there are two kinds of people – those who seek to do harm to others, and those who seek God. In what do they delight, respectively? What will be the end result of each kind of people?

Psalm 71

Day 112

What were the things going against the psalmist? When everything seemed to turn against him, where did he place his hope and find his strength (vv.5, 14)? Where do you go when you most need hope and strength for the troubles of this life?

Psalm 72

Day 113

This psalm speaks of a godly leader and the results of his reign. It is also a Messianic Psalm, foreshadowing the future rule of Jesus Christ.

What would the world be like when godly leaders rule? How do you act when you are a leader in a particular realm? Together we look forward to a world ruled by King Jesus!

Isaiah 1

Day 114

Calling heaven and earth as witnesses, what did God charge against His people (vv.2-5)? What were the consequences of their rebellion (v.5-8)? What does God value more than outward expressions of worship (vv.11-17)?

To know the Lord means to have a personal relationship with Him. Do you know the Lord? Is your worship pleasing and acceptable to Him?

Isaiah 2

Day 115

One day, nations will flock to Jerusalem to learn and obey the ways of God. He will be the judge and there will be universal peace (vv.1-5). However, what was Jerusalem's condition then (v.6ff)?

What are the expressions of pride in this generation? What will happen to the proud (vv.10-21)? Pray that God will be exalted in your life.

Isaiah 3:1 – 15

Day 116

Removal of basic needs and breakdown of leadership would lead to the collapse of the society. Why did this happen to Judah (vv.8-9)? What was God's word to the righteous few (v.10)?

Have you said or done anything this week against the Lord? Will you commit to live a righteous life even when others rebel against God?

Isaiah 3:16 – 4:6

Day 117

God has pronounced and executed judgment against His people. The purpose of judgment is to purify (4:4). What was God's message of hope for His people (4:2-6)?

Isaiah 5

Day 118

As you read verses 1-7, evaluate your spiritual life. What kind of fruit will the Lord find in your life?

To whom were six woes pronounced (vv.8-23)? Because the people rejected the word of the Lord, His anger burned against them (vv.24-30). Pray that you will live in obedience to God's Word.

Isaiah 6

Day 119

When an earthly king passed away, Isaiah was given a glimpse of the Sovereign King in His majesty and holiness. What was Isaiah's response (v.5)?

Do you realize that God is holy? Do you see your own sinfulness?

Isaiah 7

Day 120

Syria and Israel attacked Judah to pressure Ahaz into forming an alliance against Assyria. Ahaz wanted to ask Assyria to deliver him from Syria and Israel. What did the Lord assure Ahaz (vv.6-9, 13-17)?

Despite the Lord's assurance, Ahaz still sought help from Assyria. Do you trust God and heed His Word, or do you insist on your own way?

Isaiah 8

Day 121

Assyria would destroy not only Syria (Damascus) and Samaria (Israel), but Judah as well (vv.4, 7-8). Thus, it proved to be unwise for Ahaz to rely on Assyria. What did the Lord remind Isaiah (vv.11-14)? We, too, need this reminder today. Do you fear God or men?

Isaiah 9

Day 122

Isaiah speaks of a future event in verse 2 using the past tense (in Hebrew) because he is certain that this divine plan will definitely take place. Read how Matthew quotes this verse in Matthew 4:12-16. What else does Isaiah say about Jesus (vv.6-7)? Meditate on these verses. In what way do these truths about Jesus give you hope?

Isaiah 10

Day 123

Because Israel sinned (vv.1-2), God used the Assyrians to punish them. Why then did God decree punishment upon the Assyrians (vv.5-19)? Search your heart. Have you sinned in like manner the past few days? Always remember that "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."

Isaiah 11 – 12

Day 124

Isaiah described the Messiah and His rule (11:1-9) and the Lord gathering His people (11:10-16). This will lead people to praise the Lord (12:1-6). What will they thank Him for? What do you thank and praise God for today?

Isaiah 13

Day 125

Isaiah 13-23 are oracles against the nations. In the first one, God pronounced judgment upon Babylon and prophesied of its destruction. This was about a century before Babylon's rise to power in 620 B.C. and its eventual fall in 539 B.C. God is sovereign not only over His people, but over other nations as well. Find comfort in this truth.

Isaiah 14

Day 126

Lucifer, the builders of the Tower of Babel, the Babylonian king, and the anti-Christ have one thing in common: the desire to raise themselves above the Most High God (vv.13-14). They will never succeed, however. Do you humbly submit to the Lordship of God? Does your daily life reflect this humble submission?

Isaiah 15 – 16

Day 127

Isaiah prophesied the destruction of Moab in these two chapters. Why would Moab be destroyed (16:6-7)? What was Isaiah's reaction to his own prophecy (15:5; 16:9-11)? What can we learn from Isaiah?

Isaiah 17

Day 128

The oracle against Damascus—the capital of Aram/Syria, is followed by one against Israel. Why would the strong cities of Israel be forsaken (vv.9-10)? How will you refrain from committing the same sin?

Isaiah 18

Day 129

Envoys from Ethiopia came to Jerusalem to invite them to join an anti-Assyrian plot. Instead of trusting in alliances, God reminded His people to trust in Him. He would be the one to cut off their enemies (18:5). Do you put your trust in man or in God?

Isaiah 19 – 20

Day 130

God had purposed to punish Egypt (19:1-16; 20:1-6) but that was not the end. What would happen "in that day" (19:16-17, 18, 19-22, 23, 24-25)? Does it seem impossible that enemies of Israel would one day join in worshipping God? Nothing is impossible with God!

Isaiah 21 – 22

Day 131

Isaiah prophesied about the fall of Babylon, Edom, and Arabia in chapter 21, and the siege and deliverance of Jerusalem in chapter 22. Why did Isaiah weep bitterly (22:4ff)? What did the people do in preparation for future attack and what did they fail to do (22:7-11)?

As you make and execute your plans, how do you show your dependence on God?

Isaiah 23

Day 132

The last oracle against the nations concerns Tyre. Whose hand was behind Tyre's fall (vv.8-9)? What else had God planned for Tyre (vv. 15-18)? Destruction and restoration both point to God who decreed and made these possible. Does your life point people to yourself or to God?

Isaiah 24

Day 133

Because of sin, the earth will be laid waste (vv.1-6) and its music silenced (vv.7-12). However, a remnant will raise their voices, glorifying the Lord (vv.13-16a). Isaiah, who saw this vision, mourned for the destruction that will certainly take place (vv.16b-22). What is the final scene (v.23b)? Does this seem familiar? Read Revelation 4:10; 5:8-14; 21:23; 22:5.

Isaiah 25 – 26

Day 134

Isaiah 25 is a song of praise for God's wonderful deeds, particularly His salvation. The following chapter is a song that will be sung in Judah.

Meditate on Isaiah 26:7-9. What do God's people desire and long for? Why? Do you share the same yearning?

Isaiah 27

Day 135

God disciplines those He loves. How and why did God discipline His people (vv.7-11)? What would be the final outcome for them (vv.12-13)?

How do you respond to God's discipline?

Isaiah 28

Day 136

Isaiah 28-33 are prophecies concerning 8th century Judah. What was the response of Northern Kingdom's leaders to God's word (v.12)? What was its consequence (v.13)? The leaders of Jerusalem, on the other hand, relied not on God but on an alliance. This was an alliance with death in God's eyes (vv.14ff).

Do you heed God's word and trust in Him?

Isaiah 29

Day 137

Though God would bring distress upon Ariel (Jerusalem) (vv.1-4), He would not forsake her and would even punish her attackers (vv.5-8). Read verses 13-14 and 22-24 again. May our hearts sincerely draw near to and honor the Lord in sanctification and awe!

Isaiah 30

Day 138

This chapter explains Isaiah 28:14-15. Faced with the Assyrian crisis, what did God's people do (vv.1-2)? What did God want them to do (v.15)?

The Lord longs to be gracious to His people (v.18). Will you stop being rebellious and return to Him? Only then can you experience the blessings He gives to those who seek Him.

To whom was woe pronounced (31:1)? Why should Judah trust in God (31:2-9)?

May we declare with David, "Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the Lord our God" (Psalm 20:7).

The tables were turned. The destroyer would be destroyed (v.1)! Though Isaiah was speaking of the crisis Judah faced, he gave us a preview of the future. What will the godly enjoy in the Messianic kingdom (vv.5-6, 13-24)? Do you look forward to Christ's rule on earth?

Isaiah 34

Day 141

Nations were summoned and told that God would judge and destroy them. The Bible tells us that man is destined to die once and after that to face judgment. Are you ready to stand before the righteous Judge?

Isaiah 35

Day 142

While judgment and destruction awaited the nations (chapter 34), great joy was in store for God's people in chapter 35. The redemption of the Lord did return to Jerusalem in 538 B.C. but the final fulfillment will take place when Christ comes again.

Isaiah 36:1 – 37:4

Day 143

What did Hezekiah do in response to the threat and intimidation of the Assyrian commander (37:1-4)? What do you do whenever you face an intimidating problem?

Isaiah 37:5 – 38

Day 144

What was Hezekiah's prayer request (vv.16-20)? What did he ultimately desire (v.20)? What was God's response to his request (v.33-35)? For whose sake did God defend Jerusalem (v.35)? What does this teach us about God? How then should you pray?

Facing a physical crisis, Hezekiah turned to the Lord in prayer and the Lord healed him. However, what happened after he recovered (39:1-8)? What did the Chronicler say about this incident (2 Chronicles 32:25-26)? What have you learned from this?

Having declared the destruction of Jerusalem, God gave a message of comfort (vv.1-2). This was followed by voices declaring messages about God's glory (vv.3-5), God's word (vv.6-8) and God's rule (vv.9-11). As you read the rest of the chapter, meditate and stand in awe of the greatness of God.

Isaiah 41

Day 147

While the previous chapter highlights God as Creator, Isaiah 41 describes God as Lord of history.

Put yourself in the shoes of an Israelite who heard the destruction of Jerusalem prophesied. How does this chapter bring comfort and encouragement? How does the God of Israel compare with the gods of the nations?

Isaiah 42

Day 148

What did Isaiah tell us about the Servant of the Lord? Isaiah didn't reveal the identity of the Servant, but Matthew did in Matthew 11:5; 12:18-21.

Isaiah 43

Day 149

*As you read today's text, meditate on the following: Who is God? Who is He in relation to Israel? Who is Israel in God's eyes? How has Israel responded to her Creator and Redeemer? How have **you** responded to your Creator and Redeemer?*

Isaiah 44:1 – 23

Day 150

How did Isaiah depict the folly of idolatry (vv.9-20)? How is the God of Israel distinct from idols (vv.6-8, 21-23)? Are you convinced that only God is worthy of your worship?

Anyone or anything you love more than God is an idol. Are there any idols in your life that you need to abandon?

Isaiah 44:24 – 45:25

Day 151

The exile had not yet happened, but God already named the king who would allow the exiles to return and rebuild Jerusalem and the temple. What does this tell us about God (41:21-24, 25-26; 44:6-7; 45:4-7)?

Isaiah 46

Day 152

While the Babylonian gods needed to be carried and was powerless to rescue, the God of Israel had carried His people from the womb and promised to bear them to their old age.

Have you experienced God carrying you through difficult circumstances in life?

Isaiah 47

Day 153

Why did God prophesy disaster upon Babylon if He used this nation to punish His people (vv.5-7, 8-11)? Neither Babylonian wisdom, nor spells, nor astrologers could deliver them from the all-powerful God of Israel. What can we learn from this?

Isaiah 48

Day 154

*How has Israel been faithless and stubborn (vv.1-8)?
How did God deal with this and why (vv.9-11)?*

Praise God who remains faithful even when we are unfaithful! Let us not abuse His mercy. Will you commit to live your life for God's glory and praise?

Isaiah 49 – 50

Day 155

What was the Servant commissioned to do (49:1-6)? Paul understood God's heart and applied 49:6 on his first missionary journey (Acts 13:47).

How did God assure Zion when she complained that He had forsaken and forgotten her (49:14-26)? You may feel forsaken or forgotten. Trust that God, your Savior and Redeemer, will never leave or forsake you (Hebrews 13:5).

Isaiah 51

Day 156

Summarize the messages of comfort Isaiah delivered to the people (vv.1-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-11, 12-16, 17-23). In times of distress and sorrow, find comfort in God and His promises.

Isaiah 52:1 – 12

Day 157

The time of punishment would be over and God would act to redeem His people. What good news would be declared in Zion (Jerusalem)? Will you rejoice at such news?

What kind of a God do we have?

Isaiah 52:13 – 53:12

Day 158

How has the Servant suffered? For whose sake did He suffer? Who is this Suffering Servant? As you meditate on this chapter, thank the Savior who suffered for your sins.

Read II Corinthians 5:21. Are you living out the purpose for which Jesus suffered?

Isaiah 54 – 55

Day 159

To what were God's people compared (54:1, 4, 6)? How were they blessed (54:1-3, 4-5, 6)? What did God promise them (54:7-10)?

Isaiah compared the afflicted city with its glorious future (54:11-17). What did God invite the people to do in chapter 55? What is your response to this invitation?

Isaiah 56

Day 160

What did God promise foreigners and eunuchs (vv.1-8)? How thankful we are that God's plan of salvation includes Gentiles like us!

Instead of instructing God's people, what did the leaders of Israel do (vv.9-12)? Let us pray for our leaders to faithfully do what God has tasked them to do.

Isaiah 57 – 58

Day 161

Not only were leaders unfaithful, but the people also lived sinfully (57:3-13a). What did the exalted God promise the contrite and lowly (57:13b-21)?

Read Isaiah 58. Why did fasting or Sabbath observance not please God? What should have accompanied their fasting and Sabbath observance? What did God require of His people? How can you put this into practice today?

Isaiah 59

Day 162

Why did God not deliver His people (vv.1-2)? How did the people transgress against the Lord (vv.3-8)? Did they confess (vv.9-15a)? What did the Lord do when no one interceded (vv.16ff)? Praise God that His hand is not so short that it cannot save; neither is His ear so dull that it cannot hear!

Isaiah 60

Day 163

Isaiah prophesied that Jerusalem would be destroyed and the people exiled to serve other nations. However, Isaiah saw a reversal—God’s glory would rise upon Jerusalem (vv.1-2) and nations would serve her (vv.3-14). How the Jews looked forward to this! The ultimate fulfilment will be during the Millennial Kingdom. What will the New Jerusalem be like (vv.19-22; Revelation 21:22-27)?

Isaiah 61 – 62

Day 164

What transformation would the Anointed One bring about (61:1-9)? What was His plan for Zion (61:10-62:9)? In spite of the impending exile, the Israelites needed to believe in these promises as they were called to prepare a highway for the return to the land (62:10-12). Do you have faith in God’s promises?

Isaiah 63 – 64

Day 165

The Anointed One brings comfort and salvation, as well as judgment (63:1-6). Isaiah reminded the people of God's lovingkindness (63:7-14) and led them in a prayer of confession and supplication (63:15-64:12).

Have you experienced the Lord's lovingkindness? Have you rebelled and grieved the Spirit like the Israelites? Confess and commit to yield like clay to the Potter's will.

Isaiah 65

Day 166

What blessings await the servants of the Lord? Are you encouraged to follow and not forsake the Lord?

Isaiah 66

Day 167

The essence of worship at the temple was gone. People's sacrifices were no longer acceptable to God because they were not offered in humility, contrition, and reverence (vv.1-4). Is God pleased with your offering?

Those who opposed God's kingdom will be judged while His people will be gathered and see His glory. Are you ready for His coming?

Psalm 73

Day 168

Do you have problem with the prosperity of the wicked and the suffering of the righteous? Have you doubted and thought that your faith is in vain? How can we come into a resolution that "God is our portion forever" just as the psalmist did when he had almost stumbled (vv.13-28)?

Psalm 74

Day 169

This psalm laments the destruction of the temple and the punishment of the exiles. When we are feeling abandoned, we also long for some concrete response from God. What should be our basis and motivation when appealing to God's restoration? Have you been waiting for God to defend His cause?

Psalm 75 – 76

Day 170

How does Psalm 75 mirror our pride and disobedience to God's rule? God will surely cut off the arrogant and lift up the humble.

Being certain that God is our ultimate judge, how then should we live in light of His sovereignty (75:1, 9-10; 76:7, 11)?

Psalm 77

Day 171

How do you feel when God seems to be silent in the midst of your trouble? When there is no apparent evidence of God's work in the present, we can always look back to what God did in the past. We may be confident that God will continually work in our present circumstances, just as He has in the past.

Psalm 78

Day 172

What are the things we need to teach our next generation? Why did God command the Israelites to recall things in the past, including their disobedience and rebellion (vv.4, 7-8)? Are we willing to reveal our shortcomings for the benefit of those we are teaching and guiding?

Psalm 79 – 80

Day 173

The Israelites knew that they had sinned against God (79:5, 9; 80:4) and were reaping what they had sown. How do we express our repentance when we come under God's discipline? Do we patiently bear the consequence of our sin? Do we vow to praise God for His coming restoration (79:13, 80:18)?

Psalm 81

Day 174

Why did God command the Israelites to recount their wilderness experience and worship Him with a feast? What is the value of remembering God's past work and deliverance? How does our common experience as believers enable us to grow in faith and knowledge of our Lord?

Psalm 82

Day 175

How should we treat the weak and needy (vv. 3-4)? As God's people, we are accountable to God when we fail to uphold justice. Human failure will call for divine intervention (vv. 7-8)! Does God's judgment terrify or comfort you?

Psalm 83

Day 176

What caused the Israelites to call for God's judgment upon their enemies (vv.2-5, 12)? What is the ultimate purpose of such prayers (vv.16, 18)? What should our prayer be for those who oppose God and seek to destroy us?

Psalm 84

Day 177

The psalmist expressed his joy and longing for God's temple courts. How was the blessed man described (vv.4, 5, 12)? Are we willing to endure hardship or make sacrifices in order to come into God's presence?

Psalm 85 – 86

Day 178

We often waver in our spiritual lives, going one step forward yet sliding two steps back (Psalm 85). As we reap the consequences of our sins, do we seek God's forgiveness and restoration? Do we resolve to honor God with our lives, even while we are in trouble (Psalm 86)?

Psalm 87

Day 179

In this Song of Zion, the psalmist portrays God's city as the birthplace and spiritual home of all nations. Whether they acknowledge it or not, all nations were established and called into being by God, including Israel's enemies like Egypt, Babylon, and Philistia. Do you desire for your enemies to be partakers also of God's grace?

Psalm 88

Day 180

What caused the psalmist to grieve? Illness and abandonment were hardly bearable, but even worse was the feeling of rejection by an angry God. All these, however, didn't stop the psalmist from calling upon the Lord. Do we trust God in the midst of despair?

Psalm 89

Day 181

This psalm speaks about God's relationship with David and His people. How does our relationship with God affect our daily living (vv.28-34)? Do we depend on God's unfailing love and faithfulness (vv.38-51) when our circumstances seem to contradict His promises?

Jeremiah 1

Day 182

What did God send Jeremiah to do (v.4-5)? What was Jeremiah's response (v.6)? What did God promise and do for him (vv.7-10, 17-19)? What principle can we learn from this?

Is there something God wants you to do? Don't hesitate. Rely on His strength and empowering, not on your own abilities and experiences.

Jeremiah 2

Day 183

The Lord had been faithful to Israel. He led her out of Egypt, through the wilderness to a fruitful land (vv.4-7a). Yet what did they do (vv.7bff)? Search your heart prayerfully. Have you in any way forsaken or turned your back against our faithful God?

Jeremiah 3

Day 184

Using marriage and family metaphors, Jeremiah pointed out the unfaithfulness of Israel and Judah. What did God want them to do (vv.12-14, 22)? What did He promise them (vv.15-18)?

Repentance is not a one-time act but a way of life. What do you need to repent of today? In what way should you return to the Lord?

Jeremiah 4 – 5

Day 185

Through Jeremiah, God warned His people, pronounced judgment, and pointed out their sin. Observe how God's wrath and mercy are expressed in these two chapters. Why do you think God was fully committed to judging His people?

Let us not be stubborn and rebellious. Let us heed God's warning.

Jeremiah 6

Day 186

Jeremiah 6 is a summary of chapters 4-5. It describes the coming disaster and the people's refusal to listen to God's warning.

What was the people's response toward God's Word (vv.10, 16, 19)? What is your attitude towards God's Word?

Jeremiah 7:1 – 8:3

Day 187

This sermon was addressed to temple worshipers. Jeremiah rebuked them for thinking that performing religious rituals gave them license to live sinful lives.

If God sent Jeremiah to stand by our church's gate today, what sin/s would he point out? Let us amend our ways and obey His voice (7:3, 23). Remember, God values obedience more than sacrifice.

Jeremiah 8:4 – 9:26

Day 188

Jeremiah is known as the “weeping prophet.” He wept because the people refused to repent and because he knew that judgment was imminent. Jeremiah's anguish reflected God's sorrow (9:7). What do you grieve about? Do you grieve about things that grieve God? Do you delight in things that delight God (9:24)?

Jeremiah 10

Day 189

How is Yahweh unique when compared to the idols people worship (vv.1-16)? Are you convinced that He is the only true, living, and everlasting God?

Read Jeremiah's prayer again (vv.23-24). Do you acknowledge that you cannot stay on the right path by your own strength? Will you allow the Lord to direct you and to correct you if you stray?

Jeremiah 11

Day 190

God made a covenant with Israel. What did Israel do (vv.6-10)? What were the consequences (vv.11-17)? Covenant blessings cannot be dissociated from covenant responsibilities?

God called Jeremiah to preach and he obeyed. What did Jeremiah experience (vv.18-20)? Are you ready to obey God even if you will face persecution?

Jeremiah 12

Day 191

What was Jeremiah's complaint (vv.1-4)? What was God's response (vv.5-6, 7-17)?

To whom do you turn in times of anxiety, distress, and even crisis of faith? You can turn to the Lord in prayer like Jeremiah. We may or may not get an explanation, but wrestling in prayer will lead us to experience God in a personal way.

Jeremiah 13

Day 192

Jeremiah 13 records the first symbolic act of Jeremiah. What message did God want Jeremiah to proclaim using the loincloth? What was God's purpose for Israel and Judah (v.11)? Did they fulfill that purpose? Whose purpose do you want to fulfill—yours or God's?

Jeremiah 14 – 15

Day 193

Jeremiah prophesied a drought (14:1-6) and the people made a corporate confession (14:7-9, 19-22). What was God's response to their prayer (14:10-16, 15:1-9)?

Do you confess your sin to avoid punishment or are you sincerely sorry in acknowledging your sin and determined to turn away from sin?

Jeremiah 16 – 17

Day 194

According to Jeremiah, what is the condition of the human heart (17:9)? What is the solution (24:7; Ezekiel 11:19, 36:26-27)? Spend time in prayer. Ask God to show you the condition of your heart and pray for a heart to know Him.

Jeremiah 18

Day 195

What object lesson did God show Jeremiah? What is the main point of the lesson? Did Israel submit to the Potter's hand? Will you submit to the Potter's will? Do you trust the Potter to transform you into something useful and beautiful?

Jeremiah 19

Day 196

God sent Jeremiah to pronounce judgment upon Judah. What horrors awaited the people? Because the people refused to repent (18:12), the disaster was irrevocable, just as the broken jar could not be mended.

Remember God is merciful but He is also righteous.

Jeremiah 20

Day 197

What did Jeremiah face as a result of obeying God's call (vv.1-2; 11:19-21; 18:18, 22-23)? Throughout history, the righteous have faced persecution and opposition. The Bible tells us that all who desire to live a godly life will be persecuted (2 Timothy 3:12). Did God act on Jeremiah's behalf (vv.3-6)? Does this give you assurance?

Jeremiah 21:1 – 10

Day 198

A group had already been exiled to Babylon in 597 B.C. when Zedekiah, the last king of Judah, reigned. With the Babylonian army surrounding the city, what did Zedekiah do? What was God's message? Even with the impending destruction, the merciful God set forth the way of life and of death (vv.8-10). If you were Zedekiah, which would you choose?

Jeremiah 21:11 – 22:30

Day 199

Jeremiah 21:11-22:30 are oracles addressed to kings of Judah, specifically Jehoahaz/Shallum (22:10-12), Jehoiakim (22:13-23), and Jehoiachin/Coniah (22:24-30).

What did God expect of the kings of Judah (21:11-12; 22:1-3, 13-17)? Knowing God means showing concern for the poor and oppressed. How can you apply this today?

Jeremiah 23

Day 200

Describe the religious leaders of Judah. What distinguishes a prophet of the Lord from a false prophet (vv.21-22)?

Spend time praying for our church leaders. May they faithfully shepherd the flock and teach God's Word.

Jeremiah 24 – 25

Day 201

What did the good and bad figs symbolize? What would happen to these two groups of people?

Chronologically, chapter 25 precedes chapter 24. Before Jehoiachin was exiled, God already announced that Babylon would destroy Judah and after 70 years, Babylon would be destroyed. God had future plans for them. What a great comfort and assurance to the Jews in exile!

Jeremiah 26

Day 202

Jeremiah preached a message given by God. What was the reaction of the priests, prophets, and the people in the temple (vv.7-11)? What was the reaction of the officials, the elders, and the people (vv.12-19, 24)?

When God's Word pierces your heart, do you reject it or do you listen and amend your ways?

Jeremiah 27 – 28

Day 203

Jeremiah, the prophet to the nations, had a message for them. What did the wooden yoke represent (27:1-22)? What was Hananiah's message (28:1-4, 10-11)? Whose message was more pleasant? Which message was from God? Would you accept God's message even if it is unpleasant or difficult to do?

What was the consequence for Hananiah who falsely declared God's word (28:12-17)?

Jeremiah 29

Day 204

What were God's instructions to the exiles in Babylon (vv.1-9)? What did God promise them (vv.10-14)?

God's message must have been a hard pill to swallow for the Jews. But if God said so, would you trust and obey?

Jeremiah 30

Day 205

God is righteous; He judges His people for their sins. He is also compassionate; He restores His people after He disciplines them.

What did God promise His people in this chapter? Some of these had been fulfilled, while others are still future. God is faithful. He will certainly keep His promise.

Jeremiah 31

Day 206

When God brought Israel out of Egypt, He made a covenant with them (Exodus 24:1-12). The Israelites did not fulfill their obligations, thus breaking the covenant. What is the new covenant God will make with them (vv.31-40)? Isn't it amazing that God not only promised to bless Israel but to enable them to live in obedience to Him?

Jeremiah 32

Day 207

What did God tell Jeremiah to do a year before the fall of Jerusalem? What was its significance (v.15)? Aside from this message of hope, what did God promise to do for Israel (vv.36-44)?

Israel needed a change of heart. So do we. Let us pray for a heart that fears God and never turns away from Him.

Jeremiah 33

Day 208

The fall of Jerusalem was not the end of a nation. It was merely part one of God's plan to punish His people for their evil deeds. What was part two of His plan for them (vv.6-13)?

The people had been unfaithful, but God is faithful. He will keep His covenant to David, the Levites, and Abraham.

Jeremiah 34 – 35

Day 209

To show the severity of Judah's disobedience to His commands (chapter 34), God introduced Jeremiah to the Rechabites who had been obedient to the commands of their forefather (chapter 35).

Search your heart. Have you obeyed God in every area of your life?

Jeremiah 36

Day 210

What was Josiah's response when the Book of the Law was read to him (II Kings 22:11, 19)? What was his son Jehoiakim's response when he heard the word of the Lord?

God's Word is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness. Will you heed God's Word and allow it to do its work in your life?

Jeremiah 37 – 38

Day 211

Faced with personal and national crises, Zedekiah sought God's guidance. Did God reply? Did Zedekiah obey? What does this show about Zedekiah? Do you seek and obey God's will or is it just an opinion you can ignore?

How has Jeremiah suffered in these two chapters? What does the Bible teach about suffering (Matthew 5:10-12, 1 Peter 2:19-23; 3:14-17)?

Jeremiah 39

Day 212

The dreaded day about which Jeremiah prophesied finally came, and he lived to see it.

This chapter is not all bad news. Nebuchadnezzar gave special instructions not to harm Jeremiah, and God had a special message for Ebed-Melech. What did God promise Ebed-Melech the Ethiopian eunuch who exhibited the courage and conviction that Zedekiah lacked (38:7-11)?

Jeremiah 40 – 41

Day 213

The fall of Jerusalem is depressing, but what happens in chapters 40-41 is even sadder. Instead of living peacefully in the land, the remnant faced unrest and uncertainty again.

*What do you do in times of uncertainty and instability?
Read Psalm 46:1-3.*

Jeremiah 42 – 43

Day 214

*What did Johanan and the people ask Jeremiah to do for them (42:1-3)? What did they promise to do (42:5-6)?
What did they do upon knowing God's answer (43:1-7)?*

What hinders you from obeying God? Knowing God's will doesn't guarantee obedience. Let us commit to seek and obey His will.

Jeremiah 44

Day 215

Why did God bring disaster upon Judah (vv.1-6)? Did the survivors learn their lesson (vv.7-14)? Instead of being humble, showing reverence to God, and obeying His law, what did the Judeans in Egypt insist on doing (vv.15-19)?

Have you been stubborn lately?

Jeremiah 45

Day 216

When was this message given (v.1)? Read Jeremiah 36:1-8 for the context. Before Baruch read the scroll and was advised to hide (36:9-19) and before Jehoiakim ordered his arrest (36:26), God already promised to spare his life.

God does not always promise to spare us from danger. But if He does, He is able and will do it.

Jeremiah 46 – 47

Day 217

Egypt thought she would rise and destroy cities, but God had other plans. Egypt would be defeated (46:2-12) and destroyed by Babylon, God's rod of judgment (46:13ff). Judgment, however, was not the end. God promised it would be inhabited again (v.26). What did God assure His people (46:27-28)?

Who holds the future of a nation? Read Daniel 4:17.

Jeremiah 48

Day 218

The Moabites were descendants of Lot. God did not allow the Israelites to harass or provoke Moab to war because He had given that land to Lot's descendants (Deuteronomy 2:9).

This oracle shows God as the Lord of history and the Judge of all peoples. Why was judgment pronounced against Moab (vv.7, 26, 29, 42, 47)?

Jeremiah 49

Day 219

These oracles against the nations (chapters 46-51), collected and placed at the end of Jeremiah bear witness to God's sovereignty. As you read about the prophecies in this chapter, take note whether God revealed the reason for judgment or not, and whether He promised restoration or not. He is the Sovereign God; we cannot question His plan (Isaiah 45:9).

Jeremiah 50

Day 220

Jeremiah was neither pro-Babylon nor anti-Babylon. He merely proclaimed God's message faithfully, whether it was the supremacy or fall of Babylon. Why did God judge Babylon (50:14, 24, 29, 31, 33, 38)?

The wicked may prosper, but God is righteous. The wicked will not go unpunished (Proverbs 11:21, 16:5).

Jeremiah 51:1 – 23

Day 221

God had punished His people, but He had not forsaken them (v.5). He would destroy their oppressor, Babylon, and redeem them from the midst of their enemies (vv.6-10). Read Jeremiah's declaration of God's creative power and wisdom (vv.15-19). Find comfort in the truth that this powerful Creator is also our God and He vindicates His people.

Jeremiah 51:24 – 64

Day 222

What did God purpose against Babylon (vv.11-14, 27ff)? God had used Babylon to punish Judah. However, because Babylon did so with arrogance and cruelty, God decreed punishment upon it. Babylon fell in 539 B.C. in the hands of the Medes, just as God said (v.11).

What God has purposed, He will do; no one can thwart His plan.

Jeremiah 52

Day 223

Recorded in II Kings 25, II Chronicles 36, Jeremiah 39 and 52, the fall of Jerusalem is a picture of judgment which is consistent with God's character. Jeremiah 52 is also a picture of hope in the coming Davidic king and in the promised return to Judah.

In whom should we hope and why (Psalm 130:5-8)?

Lamentations 1

Day 224

Jerusalem is personified. Once a noble woman, now a widow and slave, she is weeping. How and why was she afflicted? Who afflicted her? To whom did she turn in her grief (vv.9, 11, 20)?

In times of calamity, do not sink into despair. The God who brings or allows disaster is also the God who brings comfort.

Lamentations 2

Day 225

God's covenant people continuously turned a deaf ear to God's warnings. As a consequence, He carried out the covenant curses for disobedience - destruction, loss of land, and dispersion (Deuteronomy 28:15-64).

Knowing that God wants His people to live out His righteousness, how should you go about your everyday life?

Lamentations 3:1 – 36

Day 226

After describing how God had afflicted him, what did the prophet call to mind to give him hope (vv.21-36)?

Are you in despair? Recall God's attributes and put your hope in Him.

Lamentations 3:37 – 66

Day 227

Suffering is not always caused by sin. Thus, we need to test and examine our ways in light of God's holiness. If we have sinned, we should repent and return to the Lord (v.40), acknowledging our sin and taking steps toward God in obedience. If suffering is caused by others, entrust them to God (vv.46-66).

Lamentations 4 – 5

Day 228

Lamentations 4 contrasts the former splendor of Jerusalem to her pitiful conditions, a result of God's wrath against their sin. Lamentations 5 is a communal lament addressed to God. The people described their suffering (vv.1-18) and pleaded for God to restore them.

When was the last time you cried out to the Lord? What does Psalm 34:17 say?

Psalm 90 – 91

Day 229

*How did Moses describe God and man in Psalm 90:1-11?
Given these truths, what did he pray for (vv.12-17)?
Knowing life is short, how then should you live?
Following Moses' example, what should you pray for?*

*Psalm 91 enumerates blessings enjoyed by one who
takes refuge in the Almighty. Have you taken refuge in
God?*

Psalm 92 – 93

Day 230

*Why did the psalmist sing praise and declare God's love
and faithfulness (92:1-7)? How did the psalmist describe
the wicked and the righteous (92:7-15)? How do these
contrasts encourage you not to envy the wicked and to
pursue a righteous life?*

Psalm 94

Day 231

When the wicked prosper or oppress others, what should we as God's people remember (vv.8-23)? When news about crimes abound, remember that the Lord is our stronghold (v.22). He is just and will hold them accountable (v.23).

Psalm 95

Day 232

What are the various expressions of worship in vv.1-7a? What were the worshipers reminded to do (7b-8)?

Do you participate in worship when God's people gather in corporate worship? Do you have a heart ready to listen to and obey God?

Psalm 96 – 97

Day 233

The refrain "The Lord reigns!" echoes throughout Psalms 96 and 97. Why should all creation rejoice that Yahweh is king?

Do you acknowledge the Lord as your king? How do you show that He is king in your daily life? Do you look forward to the day Christ will rule on earth?

Psalm 98 – 99

Day 234

The psalmist called people to worship God and pointed them to God's attributes and deeds. What are some of these?

When you worship God, do you focus on God or on yourself?

Psalm 100 – 101

Day 235

In Psalm 101, what did David commit to do as an earthly king who sought to please his eternal King? What will you commit to do to live a blameless life?

Psalm 102

Day 236

In his distress, the psalmist turned to the Lord. Observe how he poured out his heart to the Lord (vv.1-7), cited the reason for his distress (vv.8-11), and praised the Lord for His character and His deeds (vv.12-28).

In our distress, we, too, can turn to the Lord and find relief in His sovereign, eternal purpose.

Psalm 103

Day 237

For what blessings did David praise God? What would you add to his list? Count your blessings, and praise and thank God for them today.

Psalm 104

Day 238

This psalm begins and ends with an invitation to "bless the Lord." It describes how God is the great Creator-Sustainer of all things. Creation showcases God's power and wisdom. Observe how the psalmist loosely follows the order of creation in Genesis 1.

When was the last time you praised God for His beautiful creation?

Psalm 105

Day 239

Psalm 105 recounts the acts of the Lord in the early history of Israel. Why was it necessary for Israel to often recount what God had done for them?

Use this narration to gain insight into familiar Biblical events. Take time to recount God's work in your life and offer a prayer of thanksgiving.

Psalm 106

Day 240

Not only did Israel sing about God's saving acts in their history, they also reviewed how they had sinned against God. Doing so focused the emphasis on God's covenantal faithfulness and His compassion for His people. What did the psalmist request from the Lord and why (v.47)?

Ezekiel 1

Day 241

Who was Ezekiel? What was his situation? What was his vision? How would you describe the vision in your own words?

Truly, the Lord is in control and His glory will not be hindered by any circumstances. What lessons have we learned?

Ezekiel 2

Day 242

What was Israel's spiritual condition? What was the role of Ezekiel? What should Ezekiel expect from God's commission? Did Ezekiel obey God?

Is there anything that God wants me to do (i.e., something taught in the Bible)? Am I obeying God or not?

Ezekiel 3

Day 243

The scroll represented the word of God. Ezekiel described it to be “sweet as honey” (v.3). Have you tasted the sweetness of God’s Word?

What did God require of Ezekiel as a prophet (vv.18-21)? How would you describe the attitude of the people? Is there any sin of which God is reminding you? Are you willing to listen and repent?

Ezekiel 4

Day 244

In view of Israel’s sin, God asked Ezekiel to teach a creative object lesson to remind the people of their rebellion. Based on Ezekiel’s presentation, how deep and vast were the people’s sin and punishment? Do I view my sin the way God portrays it, or do I often belittle the sins in my life?

Ezekiel 5

Day 245

Ezekiel was asked to display an ancient act of mourning by shaving his head for the sins of the nation (v.1) and pronouncing God's judgment on their sins (vv.2-4). Often times we are fearful of the consequences of our sin; however, do we find ourselves mourning over how we have offended God?

Ezekiel 6 – 7

Day 246

In the midst of God's judgment, can we see His grace (6:8-10)? What was the sin of the nation? Is God at the center of my heart, or do I harbor idols in my heart? Note that "idols" does not mean only graven images, but anything that replaces God at the center of our lives.

Ezekiel 8

Day 247

Why was God jealous? Does God have the right to be jealous? Summarize in one word what was the sin committed. Do I commit any of these sins that God abhor?

Ezekiel 9 – 10

Day 248

Describe the anger of God concerning the sin of Israel and Judah (chapter 9). What was the saddest event that happened because of the people's sin (10:18)? Do I think the departure of God's glory is catastrophic to a person's life? Why?

Ezekiel 11

Day 249

What was the advice of the 25 wicked men (vv.1-4)? What did God ask Ezekiel to prophesy (vv.4-5)? Ezekiel's prophecy was later fulfilled (see II Kings 25:18-21; Jeremiah 52:8-11; 24-27). What did God promise to do in the midst of Israel's exile (vv.16-20)?

Ezekiel 12 – 13

Day 250

Compare God's true prophecy given through Ezekiel and the message of the false prophets. What have I learned about God's word? What have I learned about false prophets? Do I crave to study and live out God's word in my life?

Ezekiel 14

Day 251

Why does God hate idolatry? How will God deal with idolatry? Note that in chapter 8 the idolatry was external, while in chapter 14, the idolatry is internal. It was a matter of the heart. Who takes the center place in your heart and mind?

Ezekiel 15

Day 252

The nation of Israel thought they were the vines of God's blessing. Nevertheless, they had stopped bearing spiritual fruit and were under God's judgment. In John 15, Jesus declared that He is the true vine and we (the branch) should abide in Him to bear fruit. Are we abiding in Christ?

Ezekiel 16

Day 253

What was the point of the parable? Who was the faithful husband? Who was the unfaithful wife who became a whore? What kind of sin did Israel commit? How would you describe God's anger and wrath? Was God's anger proportioned to the nation's sin? Restate vv.59-63 in your own words.

Ezekiel 17

Day 254

Ezekiel was asked to propound the riddle of the two eagles. The first eagle referred to Babylon and the second referred to Egypt. This riddle pointed to the destruction of Israel which happened in 586 B.C. What promise accompanied this prophesied tragedy (vv.22-24)? What spiritual lesson have you learned?

Ezekiel 18

Day 255

Ezekiel quoted a familiar proverb about children suffering because of their parent's sin (cf. Jeremiah 31:29-30). The people were blaming God for punishing them unjustly. What was God's response? What faith lessons concerning God have you learned?

Ezekiel 19

Day 256

Chapter 19 was a dirge for the kings, especially Zedekiah the last king. It also referred to God's judgment of the land—the "east wind" (v.12), known as the sirocco, which withers vegetation and destroys houses. Why is God's judgment on sin severe?

Ezekiel 20

Day 257

Why did God recount the exodus and the wandering in the desert? What lessons have you learned concerning the human heart? What kind of God do we serve and worship?

Ezekiel 21

Day 258

Was God's punishment on Israel's sins reasonable (see Deuteronomy 28)? It is important to see that God's wrath towards the nation's sin was also a disciplinary action to invoke national repentance. Do I despise God's discipline? Is there anything in my life that hinders me to return to God?

Ezekiel 22

Day 259

Chapter 22 continues the pronouncement of God's judgment. Note the specific recipients of judgment—princes (v.6), priest (vv.26-27), and the people (v.29). They had violated God's law and broken the covenant. Have you ever violated a commandment? Are you living a holy life?

Ezekiel 23

Day 260

Chapter 23 talks of two sisters—Oholah, representing Samaria, the capital of Israel; and Oholibah, representing Jerusalem, the capital of Judah. How did these two sisters conduct themselves in immorality? If I were in their shoes, would I behave differently? What lessons have I learned?

Ezekiel 24

Day 261

Verses 1-14 talks about the reason and effect of the Babylonian destruction on Jerusalem (586 B.C.). In vv.15-27, God used the tragedy of Ezekiel's life to deliver a message. What was the tragedy? What was the message? What is God telling me today?

Ezekiel 25 – 26

Day 262

If God did not spare His chosen people from destruction because of their sin, how would he spare the neighboring nations, steeped in idolatry? This is the theme from chapters 25-32. Name the surrounding nations where God's judgment would be revealed. Why? What faith lessons have I learned?

Ezekiel 27 – 28

Day 263

The ancient city of Tyre was located in the coastal area of modern-day Lebanon. How was Tyre depicted (chapter 27)? What was the sin of Tyre (chapter 28)? Why do you think God hates such a sin? Have I committed the same sin?

Ezekiel 29

Day 264

Why was God judging Egypt? How did the Bible tell of Egypt's destruction? What faith lessons have I learned?

Ezekiel 30 – 31

Day 265

Chapters 30-31 continue to narrate the destruction of Egypt and her allies. They also describe the destruction of the Egyptian gods (30:16) and the fall of Assyria (chapter 31). The destruction of the nations revealed that God is holy and He is sovereignly in control. Have I trusted God and submitted my life to Him?

Ezekiel 32

Day 266

Among the ancient nations, Egypt would be considered invincible. Thus, the prophecy and the fulfillment of her destruction should have shocked the people. It showed that no nation and no person—including Pharaoh—is powerful enough to go against God. What kind of God do we worship?

Ezekiel 33

Day 267

For seven years, God had shut Ezekiel's mouth except only when he was pronouncing judgment on Jerusalem. As the prophecy was fulfilled, God "opened his mouth" (v.22). If I were in Ezekiel's shoes, would I obey the Lord even if it entails great sacrifice?

Ezekiel 34

Day 268

In vv.1-10, Ezekiel recounted the failure of the present king. How did the "shepherd" fail God and His people? In contrast, vv.11-31 pictures the future coming shepherd. What kind of a future shepherd could the people expect? Spend some time to worship Christ, our great Shepherd.

Ezekiel 35

Day 269

Why did God disclose a second prophecy about Edom's destruction, in the midst of relating Israel's restoration (cf. 25:12-14)? Edom was mentioned here as a reminder that God would judge the nation that opposes Israel. What is the purpose of God's judgment on Edom (vv.4, 9, 15)? Have I acknowledged God? Do I submit to Him?

Ezekiel 36

Day 270

In contrast to God's judgment of the surrounding, pagan nations, God promised to restore Israel and gather her into the land. Describe how God would restore the nation. What was the purpose of restoring and gathering Israel (v.24)? What have I learned about God? Does it stir my affection towards Him?

Ezekiel 37

Day 271

The two visions in chapter 37—the valley of dry bones and the uniting of two sticks—refer to God restoring a united Israel. This prophecy must have seemed unbelievable, but more than two thousand years later, Israel became a nation again in the year 1948. Do you think God’s word will ultimately be fulfilled? Why?

Ezekiel 38 – 39

Day 272

In chapters 38-39, Ezekiel prophesied the attack of the foreign nation identified as Gog. God, nevertheless, would defeat Israel’s enemies. What will be the result of this event? God has a purpose for everything that has happened. What is God’s purpose in your life?

Ezekiel 40

Day 273

Chapters 35-39 talked about the restoration of the Jewish people to the land. Chapter 40 and onward dealt with the national life of the Jewish people as they were to be gathered in the land. Of utmost importance would be the rebuilding of the temple for worship. How important is worship? Are you a true worshiper of God?

Ezekiel 41

Day 274

What is pictured in chapters 40-41? The building of God's third temple is based on God's specifications and not based on how people prefer the temple to be built. Are we coming to worship God based on how He wants us to worship?

Ezekiel 42 – 43

Day 275

Chapter 42 continues to describe the dimensions of the third temple, and 43:1-12 mentions the return of God's glory. Remember, God's glory had already departed in chapter 8. One day it will again be in the midst of His people. Do you look forward to the day when God's glory will be seen in our midst?

Ezekiel 44

Day 276

Describe how the people should worship God. Based on God's word and your imagination, how do you think worship will be like during the reign of Christ? Do you long to see Jesus Christ reign here on earth?

Ezekiel 45

Day 277

In vv.1-12, the Levitical priests would receive a land—which includes the temple area—as their inheritance. It is noteworthy that the Levites in Joshua’s time were not given a land because God was their sole possession. What is the reason for giving them a land? What have you learned about God?

Ezekiel 46

Day 278

Compare the reign of the coming promised prince—Jesus Christ, and that of the wicked prince in the previous chapter. Do we long to have Christ reign over us? Do we look forward to celebrating God and His goodness?

Ezekiel 47

Day 279

Describe how God will provide His people with the river of life—probably referring to Jordan River and the Dead Sea. What a miracle to see the Jordan River and the Dead Sea abundantly providing life for the people! God can make dry bones live and the Dead Sea alive. Spend a moment to praise God.

Ezekiel 48

Day 280

The final chapter of Ezekiel is about the division of the land and the full restoration of the city gates. The book started with a negative message but ended with the ultimate display of God's glory. Our lives may have many dark moments. Do you trust God, that He is making everything beautiful in His time?

Daniel 1

Day 281

In 605 B.C., young Daniel was exiled to Babylon. Describe King Nebuchadnezzar's order and its purpose (vv.3-7). How did Daniel respond to the King's order? How was it possible for Daniel to keep his faith and integrity in the midst of tremendous pressure? Make a detailed plan of how you would honor God in your Christian life.

Daniel 2

Day 282

What was Nebuchadnezzar's dream and what did it represent? Observe the various materials. Which was the most expensive? The heaviest? The lightest? The strongest? The weakest? How would the image be destroyed? What did you learn about history and God?

Daniel 3

Day 283

How big was the golden image built by Nebuchadnezzar, considering that 1 cubit is around 18 inches long? Who did not worship the image as commanded? Why? What was the result of not worshiping the image? Did Daniel's friends expect to be rescued? What lessons have I learned?

Daniel 4

Day 284

What was the dream of Nebuchadnezzar? Did the prophetic dream come true? Why? How was Nebuchadnezzar restored? We may not have what Nebuchadnezzar possessed, but we surely often share in his pride. God will deal with each person's pride. Do I come to God in humility?

Daniel 5 – 6

Day 285

What happened to Belshazzar in chapter 5? What can we learn about our great and awesome God?

In chapter 6, we see Daniel serving under the Persian Empire. Why was he thrown into the lion's den? What can we learn about serving a great and awesome God?

Daniel 7

Day 286

The vision of the four beasts is equivalent to the statue Nebuchadnezzar saw in chapter 2. It refers to the four gentile kingdoms in world history and God's judgment towards them. This prophetic vision was given 14 years prior to the fall of the Babylonian Empire. Our God is sovereign over nations and history. Spend time to worship God's greatness.

Daniel 8

Day 287

The vision here is a more detailed description of the second and third beasts of chapter 7. The ram with uneven horns portrayed the uneven alliance between Media and Persia. The goat and its horns represented the subsequent events that would happen under the Greek Empire. What faith lessons can we learn from these detailed prophecies?

Daniel 9

Day 288

The fulfillment of Daniel's prophecy is found in Jeremiah 25:11-12. In response to Daniel's prayer, God revealed a detail timeline called "The Seventy-Seven Weeks." What are the events that would happen when the Seventy-Seven Weeks are complete? Are you amazed that God knows and holds the future of the nations and individual persons?

Daniel 10

Day 289

Why was Daniel in mourning? Describe in your own words the angel that God sent. The battle between the angel of God and the prince of Persia showed that spiritual battles are real. Are you prepared for a spiritual battle? Have you put on the full armor of God (cf. Ephesians 6:10-18)?

Daniel 11 – 12

Day 290

The last two chapters of Daniel reveal in great details the things that would happen during the Persian and Greek Empires. They also refer to future catastrophic events and Israel's eventual deliverance. These events will be further prophesied in the Book of Revelation. Reflect on what you have learned about God. Set aside a moment for worship.

Psalm 107

Day 291

This psalm speaks of four different types of people in trouble and how God redeems them: wanderers (vv. 4-9), prisoners (vv. 10-16), the sick (vv. 17-20), and the storm-tossed (vv. 23-30). With which of these groups do you most identify? God will redeem those who call on Him.

Psalm 108 – 109

Day 292

In Psalm 108, David prayed not only for rescue but for hope and victory. How does remembering God's provision in the past give us hope for the future?

In Psalm 109, we see how David faced his enemies. He did not take personal revenge, but waited for God's promised judgement on evil. Consider this when you encounter injustice or persecution.

Psalm 110

Day 293

This is another Messianic Psalm referring to Jesus (cf. Luke 20:41-44). Christ will reign on earth (v. 2), be our priest (v. 4), and judge the wicked, overcoming all evil forces (vv. 5-6). Have you put your faith and trusted in the Lord Jesus Christ?

Psalm 111 – 112

Day 294

Psalm 111 shows that the only way to become truly wise is to fear God. Psalm 112 shows the blessings available to those who fear the Lord and obey His commands.

Acknowledge that God alone is the source of wisdom, so that we don't fall into the trap of making shaky and foolish decisions in life.

Psalm 113 – 114

Day 295

God is highly exalted. Even the sea, the mountains, the earth tremble at His presence (Psalm 114). What does it mean to tremble at God's presence?

Yet God stoops down to care for the lowly and the social outcasts (Psalm 113). Do you treat the needy and unwanted in society as people with value? What attitude should a Christian have?

Psalm 115

Day 296

Today, we may not worship statues of wood, stone, or metal, but we still pursue worldly materials and goals over God. When we trust in God and seek to glorify Him in all that we do, He will bless us on His own terms.

Psalm 116 – 117

Day 297

What is our worshipful response to God for having turned His ear to us and rescuing us from danger? What thank offerings could we give to God today?

Paul quoted Psalm 117 in Romans 15:11 to show that God's salvation is for all people, not just the Jews. Indeed, we should praise God for His great love and enduring faithfulness.

Psalm 118

Day 298

Observe the refrains in this psalm—words that are repeated for purpose of emphasis. Where do you need help right now: in trusting God? In waiting for deliverance? In being chastened? What promises in this psalm can we hold on to?

Psalm 119:1 – 48

Day 299

Psalm 119 is the longest psalm and the longest chapter in the Bible. It was probably written by Ezra after the temple was rebuilt (Ezra 6:14-15).

The theme of the entire psalm is the beauty of God's Word, and how it helps us stay pure and grow in faith. Are you daily immersing yourself in Bible reading and devotional thoughts?

Psalm 119:49 – 88

Day 300

The author of Psalm 119 uses a special literary technique. He took the 22 letters of the Hebrew alphabet, and wrote 8 verses beginning with each letter. This format facilitated memory for the Jewish people as they strived to keep God's word in their heart. Are you diligent to put God's Word in your heart?

Psalm 119:89 – 128

Day 301

We are blessed with the opportunity to hold, to hear, and to read God's Word firsthand. These were not always available to God's people of old. Handwritten copies of the Scripture were rare and precious. Many people were unable to read.

Do you treasure God's Word, or do you tend to take it for granted because of easy access?

Psalm 119:129 – 176

Day 302

God took the initiative to make Himself known to mankind; otherwise, we could never have imagined what He is like. By His Words, we come to understand Him as a wise, creative, powerful, glorious, holy, righteous, faithful, compassionate God. The more we read the Bible, the more we see God for who He is, and the more we worship Him.

Psalm 120 – 121

Day 303

Psalms 120-135 are called “Pilgrim Psalms” or “Songs of Ascent.” They were sung by those who journeyed from afar and ascended to the temple hill during annual feasts.

Psalm 120 speaks of betrayal, conflict, & wars; but Psalm 121 tells of an all-powerful God who protects day and night. In the midst of distressing situations, how can we find peace?

Psalm 122

Day 304

Do you love to go to God’s house and meet with God’s people? Is worshiping God a chore or a delight? It becomes a chore if our love for God has diminished. It becomes a delight when we enjoy intimacy with God, and when we hear other people also praising Him and loving Him.

Psalm 123

Day 305

What do we mostly pray for? Do we pray only for our own needs and desires? Let us cultivate the heart to pray for others, to pray for God's mercy upon all people.

Psalm 124 – 125

Day 306

Have you ever been in a desperate situation? How has God helped you out of it?

Is it hard for you to trust the Lord? Psalm 125 assures us that, even though evil seems to rule the world now, God is in control and will one day execute His judgement.

Psalm 126

Day 307

Has God ever done something so great you had to pinch yourself to check if you were dreaming? When you are burdened with sorrow, know that it will end and you will find joy again. Wait patiently; God's great harvest of joy will come!

Psalm 127 – 128

Day 308

These two psalms describe many forms of blessing given to those who fear the Lord: security, prosperity, reward for labor, children, victory over enemy, godly family, national peace.

Is God building your family, your business, your future? Don't make the mistake of leaving God out of your life! All your accomplishments will be futile without God in the picture.

Psalm 129

Day 309

Throughout history, God's people were always persecuted and oppressed, yet never destroyed completely. Christians continue to be persecuted until today; but take heart, for the Lord has promised us His presence!

How important is it to you that Jesus has promised, "Behold, I am with you to the end of the age" (Matthew 28:20b)?

Psalm 130

Day 310

Has sin caused a rift between you and God? Despair over our sins can sometimes make us feel distant from God, but that is exactly when we need Him the most. Pray, ask for His forgiveness, and realize that God does not mark our iniquities. When you realize that, do you respond with thankfulness and reverence for Him?

Psalm 131 – 132

Day 311

When David was building himself a palace, he saw that God's ark was still in a tent. This made him restless, and he pursued the building of a temple until his son, Solomon, eventually accomplished it.

What about us? Shouldn't we be restless until we see God's will accomplished in every area of our lives?

Psalm 133 – 134

Day 312

One way to serve God is to seek unity among His people (Psalm 133). Another way is to serve Him in His temple (Psalm 134). When the psalmist saw the temple servants, he was blessed by them, and he blessed them. Do you serve and honor God? Take time to bless those who are serving.

Psalm 135

Day 313

In your prayers, do you commit to be God's servant, or do you want God to be your servant? What does it mean to be a servant of the Lord?

Psalm 136

Day 314

This psalm is sung responsively between the musicians and the congregation. The congregation participates by repeating the refrain in response to every blessing pronounced. When you look at the list of wonders in this psalm, which ones move you to thanksgiving? What else would you add to the litany?

Psalm 137 – 138

Day 315

The Babylonian exiles had lost their joy because of their sins resulting in captivity (Psalm 137). Are you undergoing something that is causing you to hang your harps? Ask God to restore you to fellowship with Him and to joy in your life.

Don't take God's blessings for granted, and you will be filled with joy and thanksgiving (Psalm 138).

Psalm 139

Day 316

Do you find comfort in the thought that God knows everything about you? There is no sin we can hide from Him, yet He still loves and accepts us.

David asked God to search his heart and reveal any sin in him so that he may continue to walk in God's way. Do you have regular times of soul-searching?

Psalm 140

Day 317

Who or what is your greatest enemy? When you are ensnared, what would you like God to do? How do you pray regarding your enemy?

Psalm 141 – 142

Day 318

What temptations are hard for you to resist? David asked God to guard his heart lest it be drawn to evil. Evil actions begin with evil desires. If you want to overcome temptations, it is important to ask God to change you on the inside.

Psalm 143 – 144

Day 319

Have you ever felt crushed? Like David, we can express our innermost feelings to the Lord. Pray to Him (143:6), trust Him (143:8), and ask Him to teach us His will (143:10).

The Lord not only delivers us from trouble, He pours out His blessings (Psalm 144). He allows us to live a life of purpose and meaning.

Psalm 145

Day 320

Psalm 145 is David's crowning psalm of praise to the Lord. What are the different blessings God gives to His people? How do you view God as your King? How are you responding to God today?

Psalm 146

Day 321

In what ways has God shown His power (vv.5-9)? When people see you, what do they see that reflect God's glory? What goals are evident in your life, considering how you use your time and your talents?

Psalm 147

Day 322

What caused the psalmist to give thanks (vv.7-9)? Why do we need to be reminded to give thanks? In what does God delight, and in what does He not delight (vv.10-11)? Fear God and trust in Him. These are the things God desires in us.

Psalm 148

Day 323

This psalm is a beautiful picture of how God is to be worshiped. There is no doubt that God alone is to be praised above all, for there is no other one like Him. If all of God's creation knows how to worship God, how much more should we believers worship God! How do you worship and praise God?

Psalm 149 – 150

Day 324

Worship involves our whole being: we sing with our voices, dance with our body, hear with our ears, feel with our emotions, understand with our mind, and respond with our soul. In our church service, can you say people are engaging their whole selves in worshiping? Spend some time today praising God.

Hosea 1 – 2

Day 325

Through the names God gave to Hosea's children, what message was being communicated to the Israelites? What was God's desire for Israel? How should we respond to God?

Hosea 3 – 4

Day 326

How did God deal with sinners? How did sinners deal with God? Let us examine our own spiritual condition. Is there something that needs to be rectified?

Hosea 5 – 6

Day 327

What concrete actions can one take to turn back to the righteous God? Reflect and apply.

Hosea 7 – 8

Day 328

What are the manifestations of someone who has forgotten his Maker? What are his consequences? Are we guilty of the same sin?

Hosea 9 – 10

Day 329

Through God's rebuke of Israel, what attributes of His can we see? How do we respond to these revealed attributes of God?

Hosea 11

Day 330

What means did God use to call sinners back to Himself? Reflect on today's situation. Does God still call us by the same means?

Hosea 12 – 13

Day 331

What was the main reason for Ephraim to abandon God? How can we remain steadfast in the midst of God's blessings?

Hosea 14

Day 332

How does God handle those who willingly repent and turn to Him? Are we willing to turn back?

Joel 1:1 – 2:17

Day 333

What will happen in “the day of the Lord”? Have we prepared ourselves to face the coming of that day?

Joel 2:18 – 3:21

Day 334

How will God treat His people in the future? Have you become a part of God’s people?

God prophesied against many nations. What characteristics of God can we recognize from these messages? How do we consider and respond to these attributes?

According to God's revelation to the prophet Amos, what do we understand a prophet's duty to be? Do we respond properly to the message God sends through His servants?

Amos 4

Day 337

Find out what deeds are pleasing to the Lord. Does this call for some change in our behavior?

Amos 5 – 6

Day 338

How did the Israelites displease the Lord in the matter of offering and wealth? How should we make use of the blessings God has given?

What challenges faced the prophet Amos in His service? How did he deal with them? How should we handle the difficulties we encounter in serving God?

Based on Amos' prophecies, consider the relationship between our spiritual well-being and daily life. What do we pursue in life?

Obadiah

Day 341

Observe the reason behind Edom's judgment. Have we committed the same sin as Edom did? Let us examine ourselves and mend our ways.

Jonah 1 – 2

Day 342

As Jonah attempted to escape from God, what were his thoughts and actions? In our lives, are we guilty of running away from God's call?

Jonah 3 – 4

Day 343

How did God treat the repentant Jonah? Today, what practical actions can we take to respond to God's call?

Micah 1 – 2

Day 344

According to God's revelation to the prophet Micah, what attributes of God can we learn? How do we prepare ourselves to meet such a God?

Micah 3

Day 345

How do false prophets operate? What are their characteristics and their influence? How can we distinguish between true and false prophets? How do we avoid being led away by false prophets?

Micah 4

Day 346

What's the kingdom like that was to come in the Day of the Lord, according to Micah's description? Do we follow worldly kingdoms or are we following the kingdom of God?

Micah 5

Day 347

According to Micah's prophecy, what kind of King will come from Bethlehem? As we live in this world full of troubles, are we trusting in this King to lead us daily?

Micah 6

Day 348

Of what sin did the prophet Micah rebuke Israel? Let us examine our own lives. Are we guilty of the same sin? Let us repent and renew ourselves.

Micah 7

Day 349

What was Micah's reaction to the sin of Israel? As we live in this sinful world, how should we react?

Nahum 1 – 2

Day 350

How did the prophet Nahum describe God's treatment of Nineveh? Since God is a jealous God, what are the idols of our heart that we should remove?

Nahum 3

Day 351

What would be the result of Nineveh's punishment, according to the prophet Nahum? Know that God is vindictive. How can we respond when we are being victimized by evil?

Habakkuk 1

Day 352

When the prophet Habakkuk saw how the righteous suffered, and how the evil Chaldeans were rising up, how did he feel? When we see injustice in this world, do we lose faith?

Habakkuk 2 – 3

Day 353

How did Habakkuk come to terms with the injustices in the world? What lessons can we learn from Habakkuk?

Zephaniah 1:1 – 2:3

Day 354

The judgment of the Lord in the future will be extremely severe. As the prophet Zephaniah point out, how should Judah escape God's wrath? Take a look at our present life. Will we be able to escape God's judgment?

Zephaniah 2:4 – 3:20

Day 355

God shows through Zephaniah the purpose of His punishment. What is this purpose? How should we respond when we fall under God's chastising hand?

Haggai 1 – 2

Day 356

The prophet Haggai saw how God's temple had been laid waste, while the people were concerned about their own comfort. What message did he proclaim among the people? Do we show concern for the needs of God's church?

Zechariah 1 – 2

Day 357

God gave Zechariah three visions. What is the message of these visions? When we wait upon the Lord in our afflictions, what does He do?

Zechariah 3 – 4

Day 358

According to the vision in chapter 3, how can man satisfy God's demands so as to receive His promise? Are we living up to God's requirements?

Zechariah 5 – 6

Day 359

After God showed Zechariah the vision, He instructed the prophet to make a crown for the high priest. What is the meaning of this? What is God's heart for the world? What should be our life pursuit?

Zechariah 7 – 8

Day 360

What kind of service would please God? Please evaluate your own service—does it please the Lord? May the Lord renew us and allow us to offer up the kind of service that satisfies Him.

Zechariah 9 – 10

Day 361

The Lord promised to revive His people. What does this revived kingdom look like? How can we be a part of that kingdom?

Zechariah 11 – 12

Day 362

What is the difference between the good shepherd and the bad shepherd, according to Zechariah's description? Do we faithfully nurture the sheep whom the Lord has entrusted to our care?

Zechariah 13

Day 363

Why does God allow His people to be tested? When we face trials, how should we respond to God's plan?

Zechariah 14

Day 364

When the Day of the Lord comes, what will He do on earth? What place does God have in our lives? What place does He have in our heart?

Malachi 1 – 2

Day 365

*How is it possible to offend God even as we serve Him?
Please consider your service in the past year. Has it
pleased God?*

Malachi 3 – 4

Day 366

*Why did God want His people to give offerings? Let us
consider our giving in the past year. Has it pleased God?*